

AN ACT

relating to the development of a quality-based outcome measure for the child health plan program and Medicaid regarding certain persons with HIV.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 536.003, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f), (g), and (h) to read as follows:

(f) The commission, in coordination with the Department of State Health Services, shall develop and implement a quality-based outcome measure for the child health plan program and Medicaid to annually measure the percentage of child health plan program enrollees or Medicaid recipients with HIV infection, regardless of age, whose most recent viral load test indicates a viral load of less than 200 copies per milliliter of blood.

(g) The commission shall include aggregate, nonidentifying data collected using the quality-based outcome measure described by Subsection (f) in the annual report required by Section 536.008 and may include the data in any other report required by this chapter. The commission shall determine the appropriateness of including the quality-based outcome measure described by Subsection (f) in the quality-based payments and payment systems developed under Sections 536.004 and 536.051.

(h) In this section, "HIV" has the meaning assigned by Section 81.101, Health and Safety Code.

1           SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
2 of this Act, the Health and Human Services Commission and the  
3 Department of State Health Services shall develop and implement the  
4 quality-based outcome measure required by Section 536.003(f),  
5 Government Code, as added by this Act.

6           SECTION 3. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
7 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
8 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
9 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
10 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
11 waiver or authorization is granted.

12          SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1629 was passed by the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 9, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1629 on May 26, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 4, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1629 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor